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SUBJECT: JANUARY CONSULAR CONFERENCE

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1. COUNTRY OFFICER FOR THAILAND, RICHARD A. SMITH JR., PLANS TO ATTEND EMBASSY'S MISSION WIDE CONSULAR CONFERENCE PRECEDED BY ORIENTATION TRAVEL IN THAILAND. DURING ORIENTATION TRAVEL SMITH HOPES TO OVERNIGHT AT CHIANG MAI, UDORN AND SONGKHLA. IN ADDITION HE REQUESTS A TOUR OF UTAPAO AND, WHILE AT UDORN, RAMASUN STATION.

2. THE FOLLOWING IN COUNTRY ITINERARY IS ONLY A SUGGESTION AS THE EMBASSY IS IN A BETTER POSITION TO JUDGE THE BEST WAY TO ACCOMPLISH THE DESIRED ORIENTATION TRAVEL:

(A) JANUARY 21: SMITH ARRIVES IN BANGKOK VIA PAN AM 001 AT 0215 JANUARY 21. HE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING MET AT DON MUANG BY AN EMBASSY CAR AND DRIVER. CONSULTATIONS THAT DAY IN BANGKOK WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS AS APPROPRIATE.

(B) JANUARY 22: DEPART HOTEL AT 0900 VIA EMBASSY CAR FOR UTAPAO AND RETURN TO BANGKOK THE SAME DAY.

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(C) JANUARY 23: DEPART BANGKOK 0900 FOR CHIANG MAI

VIA TH 141 ARRIVING AT 1105.

(D) JANUARY 24: DEPART CHIANG MAI AT APPROXIMATELY 1400 VIA USG AIRCRAFT FOR UDORN ARRIVING APPROXIMATELY 1600.

(E) JANUARY 25: DEPART UDORN AT 1455 VIA TH 237 FOR BANGKOK.

(F) JANUARY 26: DEPART BANGKOK AT 0815 VIA TH 361 FOR HAAD YAI.

(G) JANUARY 27: DEPART HAAD YAI VIA TRAIN FOR BANGKOK AT 1245 ARRIVING BANGKOK JANUARY 28 AT 0700.

(H) JANUARY 28: CONSULTATIONS WITH EMBASSY AND THAI OFFICIALS AS APPROPRIATE.

(I) JANUARY 29 AND 30: CONSULAR CONFERENCE.

(J) JANUARY 31: DEPART BANGKOK FOR HONG KONG AND TOKYO AT 1445 VIA PAN AM 002.

3. PLEASE RESERVE APPROPRIATE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS IN BANGKOK (E.G. ERAWAN OR EQUIVALENT) FOR THE NIGHTS OF JANUARY 20, 21 AND 22 MAKING SURE THAT THE HOTEL MANAGEMENT REALIZES THAT SMITH WILL NOT CHECK IN UNTIL THE EARLY MORNING OF JANUARY 21. HOTEL RESERVATIONS WILL ALSO BE NECESSARY IN BANGKOK FOR THE NIGHTS OF JANUARY 25, 28, 29 AND 30. PLEASE RESERVE AND TICKET SEAT ON TH 141 FOR JANUARY 23, INFORM CHIANG MAI OF VISIT AND ASK THEM TO RESERVE APPROPRIATE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE NIGHT OF JANUARY 23. SMITH WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF A FLIGHT FROM CHIANG MAI TO UDORN JANUARY 24 COULD BE ARRANGED EITHER VIA JUSMAG OR THE CONSULATE'S LEASED AIRCRAFT. PLEASE INFORM UDORN OF VISIT AND RESERVE AND TICKET SEAT ON TH 237 OF JANUARY 25. PLEASE INFORM SONGKHLA OF VISIT AND RESERVE AND TICKET SEAT ON TH 361 FOR JANUARY 26. APPROPRIATE HOTEL RESERVATIONS IN SONGKHLA FOR THE NIGHT OF JANUARY 26 (SAMILA OR EQUIVALENT) WOULD ALSO BE UNCLASSIFIED

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APPRECIATED. PLEASE RESERVE AND TICKET FIRST CLASS BERTH ON THE EXPRESS TRAIN FROM HAAD YAI TO BANGKOK FOR JANUARY 27.

4. ABOVE REQUESTS ARE SUGGESTIONS ONLY. IF POST THINKS THAT SMITH'S TIME COULD BE BETTER SPENT OTHERWISE, OR IF LOCAL TRANSPORTATION SCHEDULES ARE DIFFERENT FROM THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE IN WASHINGTON, PLEASE FEEL

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